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Second Slam for Barbora

Barbora Krejcikova delighted the Wimbledon crowd with an emphatic win on Saturday. A glance at her feat and Sunday's big finals...

MESSI SEEKING FINAL GLORY

Having won the Copa America and World Cup titles for Argentina in the last few years, Lionel Messi has a chance to win another Copa against Colombia, possibly his last major trophy for the country.

CAN ENGLAND END TROPHY DROUGHT?

For 58 years, England men have faced nothing but heartbreaks at the global stage. WC to WC, Euro to Euro, the story has continued. They came close in the 2021 Euros, and on Sunday, the Three Lions will be up against a formidable Spain side. Can they? Could be a tasty contest.

KREJCIKOVA HANDS PAOLINI HEARTBREAK

Barbora Krejcikova of the Czech Republic defeated Italy's Jasmine Paolini to win the Wimbledon women's title for her second Grand Slam singles triumph. Krejcikova, the 31st seed, won 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to add the 2024 All England Club crown to her 2021 French Open victory.

DJOKOVIC ON BRINK

Sunday could be huge for Novak Djokovic. The Serb has the chance to take his Major title count to 25, which will be an all-time high (men & women).

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Nagendra in ED custody till July 18

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Former minister and Bellary Congress MLA B Nagendra, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the alleged multi-crore scam in Karnataka State Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation on Friday night, was remanded in ED custody till July 18 on Saturday.

Nagendra, who was arrested under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, was subjected to mandatory medical tests at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital.

He was produced before Santhosh Gajanan Bhat, judge of the special court, at his residence around 6 am. **CONTINUED ON: P5**

CM flayed for 'discarding' farmers' pleas into dustbin

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BJP leader CS Niranjan Kumar has accused Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of showing "disrespect" to farmers by "discarding" their petitions given to him at a function in Chamarajanagar on July 10.

A large number of farmers staged a protest on Saturday against the alleged action of Siddaramaiah and "dumping" their petitions near the function venue.

He told reporters that farmers from across the district met Siddaramaiah during his visit to Chamarajanagar and gave petitions on their grievances and demands. However, the petitions were later found "discarded" near the venue.

The protesting farmers took Chamarajanagar District in-charge Minister K Venkatesh to task for allegedly insulting them by "discarding" their petitions.

CET to be comp-based testing soon?

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IN view of the NEET-UG controversy, the Karnataka government is considering scrapping the pen and paper method in use for the Common Entrance Test (CET) and adopting the Computer-Based Testing (CBT) method.

Disclosing this at the Karnataka Examination Authority office here on Saturday, Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar said many states have already adopted the CBT method. "Preliminary discussions on adopting the CBT method are on," he said. **P2**

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Trinamool Congress supporters celebrate after party candidate Madhuparna Thakur won the Bagda assembly by-election, in North 24 Parganas on Saturday | PTI

OPPN PICKS UP 10 OF 13 BYPOLL SEATS

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a major boost to the Opposition in the first bypolls after the general elections, the INDIA bloc gained an upper hand over the NDA by winning 10 out of 13 assembly seats that were up for grabs across seven states. While the BJP managed to secure one seat each in Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, an Independent candidate wrested Bihar's Rupauli seat.

The bypoll results were keenly watched as they are expected to set the tone for the upcoming elections to four states — J&K, Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand — scheduled for later this year. Coming on the heels of the Lok Sabha elections, the results are a setback to the BJP, which failed to secure a majority of its own to form the government at the Centre.

While the Congress and the Trinamool Congress secured four seats each, the AAP and the DMK picked up one each.

The bypolls were held on Wednesday in four seats in West Bengal, three in Himachal Pradesh, two in Uttarakhand, and one each in Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu.

In a direct contest with the BJP in West Bengal, the TMC swept all four seats. The contest was crucial for both the parties as three of the seats fell vacant after BJP MLAs jumped ship to TMC. The fourth seat became vacant after the death of the sitting TMC MLA.

Stakes were high in Himachal Pradesh for both the Congress and the BJP in the election to the three seats — Dehra, Hamirpur and Nalagarh. While the Congress won both Dehra and Nalagarh, the BJP pocketed Hamirpur. The election was necessitated after three Independent MLAs joined the BJP. In Dehra, Congress's Kamlesh Thakur, wife of Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu won against the BJP's Hoshiyar Singh, who had switched sides earlier.

Dealing a blow to the BJP in Uttarakhand, the Congress won both Badrinath and Manglaur. In Tamil Nadu, DMK nominee Anniyur Siva emerged victorious in Vikravandi, defeating — PMK's candidate Anbumani C.

2 hrs away from Paris, German city apes Oly host; attracts India's finest

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

PARIS: 48.86°N latitude; Saarbrucken: 49.23° N. They are in the same time zone, too. Paris is just about 1hr 48 minutes away from Saarbrucken on high speed train. Proximity to Paris, similar weather conditions and its setting has turned the cultural German city into an ideal destination for Paris-bound athletes to train ahead of the Olympics starting from July 26.

The sprawling Sportcampus Saar, (as it is called) is spread over nine hectares with landscaping and greenery. More than the salubrious settings, it's the training facilities that have attracted athletes from all over the world. There are about 400 athletes from 27 countries and five continents housed at the Saar campus right now. Among them are a bunch of Indians — double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra (was training until July 7), the table tennis and the boxing teams (both men and women) along with coaches and support staff.

The chief operating and marketing officer (COO and CMO) of Sportcampus, Saar, Johannes Kopkow, during a virtual interaction with this daily, outlined the nuances of his facilities and what they have managed to provide for Indians. Kopkow felt the unique positioning of the city has added to its demand. "It's just 1hr 48 min away from Paris. It's the same time and climate zones. Though it's quite rainy right now, which is pretty much uncommon this time, it's still the same weather like Paris. It's the Central European Time or the Middle (Central) European Climate Zone. This makes it easier for athletes coming from a long distance to acclimatise," said Kopkow. Neeraj has been one of the first few high-profile visitors when he trained there in 2022. "He always needs more than one room because he has a German coach, a physio and also a manager. He has his own apartment in our house of the athletes, so that he can always step in and out as he would want."

He also narrated a funny incident involving Sindhu. "She has a tent (tent-like structure) in her room where she sleeps. That tent has low air pressure (hypoxic chamber). One day we found the bed outside her room and asked what happened and she told us the story. It was funny. She brought the chamber and the bed was outside and we're thinking what happened!" And for the boxers, the centre has provided a separate kitchen where they can cook Indian food and also a separate area to eat. **P13**

The sprawling Sportcampus, Saar, is hosting around 400 athletes

Sunday Special

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46 years on, Puri Ratna Bhandar to be opened today | P5

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20K cusecs released to TN from Kabini

Mysuru: With heavy rain lashing Wayanad region of Kerala resulting in the Kabini reservoir brimming, Karnataka has released 20,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu. Irrigation officials have recorded an inflow of 19,181 cusecs and the water level in the reservoir now is 2,283.30 ft | P4